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H.B. No.

1768

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an information clearinghouse by the waste minimization offices of the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Water Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection B, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.0265 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.0265. INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE. (a) The department's waste minimization and recycling office established under Section 361.0151 and the commission's waste minimization and reduction group established under Section 361.0216 jointly shall plan, implement, and actively promote a coordinated information clearinghouse to provide a single, comprehensive source of information regarding source reduction and recycling, including sources and markets for recycled materials, waste minimization and recycling technologies, household hazardous wastes, start-up programs for recycling and waste reduction, and aid for small hazardous waste generators.

(b) The information clearinghouse shall:

(1) coordinate its activities with existing and proposed federal and state information networks, such as the Solid Waste Information Clearinghouse (SWICH) sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(2) provide technical assistance to local governments,

1 including comprehensive, easily accessible information and referral
2 services, guidance documents, on-site technical assistance, and
3 interim storage assistance;

4 (3) establish a computerized recycling data base to
5 provide information to the public about:

6 (A) state-sponsored research on product design
7 and materials recovery technology;

8 (B) national and state prices and rates for
9 recyclable materials and for recycling of materials recovered from
10 the solid waste stream; and

11 (C) other economic data on the costs of
12 recycling and of collecting and disposing of waste;

13 (4) provide technical support for college-level
14 continuing education programs on waste management for professionals
15 and the public;

16 (5) offer informal classes and workshops on waste
17 management to nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups; and

18 (6) establish a toll-free statewide recycling hotline
19 for information and referrals regarding solid and hazardous waste.

20 SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the
21 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
22 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
23 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
24 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
25 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
26 passage, and it is so enacted.

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- 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.**

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- 2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on**

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

3. Reported ____ favorably (as amended)
(as substituted) and sent to Printer at _____

4. Printed and distributed at _____

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____

6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting.

9. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ years, _____ days, _____ present, not voting).

- 10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.**

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. _____ was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

12. Ordered Engrossed at _____

- 13. Engrossed.**

14. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____

- 15. Sent to Senate.**

Chief Clerk of the House

- ## 16. Received from the House

17. Read, referred to Committee on _____

- 18. Reported favorably**

- 19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.**

- 20. Ordered not printed.**

21. Regular order of business suspended by _____
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ years, _____ days.)

_____ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules
suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ 23. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 26. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 27. Returned to the House.

_____ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments)
(Substitute) by a (Non-Record
Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 30. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 32. Ordered Enrolled at _____

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